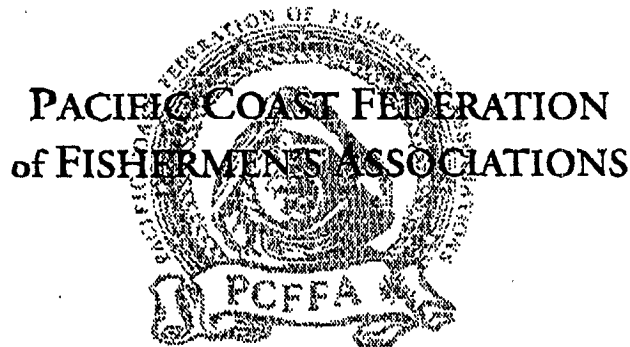


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RE: Suggested Modifications to the Preferred Program Alternative

Dear Mike and Sunne:

We have reviewed the proposed recommendations from BDAC, developed pursuant to members suggestions from BDAC's final meeting last week, on the CALFED Preferred Program Alternative (PPA). We can support the general tenor of the recommendations. However, PCFFA, representing working men and women in the salmon fishery whose economy and livelihoods have been the most adversely impacted of any Bay-Delta stakeholder group, has concerns with some of the bullets in recommendation #11, and we continue to have serious concerns regarding CALFED's lack of vision and its timidity in addressing what we feel to be the major impediments to water reform, water reliability and environmental and fishery protection facing the state.

Regarding recommendation #11, we feel the first bullet must also contain language requiring all Through-Delta conveyance systems to also comply with existing, specifically the salmon doubling requirements in state and federal statutes and the Endangered Species Act.

In the second bullet expertise must also include those with knowledge of fisheries and wildlife.

In the third bullet, the word "balanced" must be deleted and the first sentence should be reworded by striking everything following "Delta" and inserting in its place: consistent with the protection of fisheries and native wildlife.

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Finally, recommendation #12 gets at the heart of our concern with the lack of vision in the CALFED process, specifically the failure to adequately look at new (not simply storing additional water from rain and snowmelt and changing natural flow patterns) water sources such as desalination which should prove promising given advances in technology and if planning is begun now. In addition to failing to consider new water sources, we are appalled at CALFED's failure to confront California's failure (along with Texas as the only other state to fail to do so) to implement a statewide groundwater management program, and a program for growth planning around water availability. It is our belief that new dams and reservoirs and an "isolated" water conveyance facility around the Delta (i.e., peripheral canal) are merely placebos for those still trapped in a 1950's-60's water development mentality; these will not solve California's water supply problems but simply exacerbate them by further environmental damage and depletion of fish and wildlife.

We wish to again thank you for your leadership of BDAC and confirm PCFFA can support the proposed recommendations except as noted above.

Sincerely,



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